Impact of Central Excise ^concession to the industrialists

1356. SHRIMATI KANAK. MU KHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER he pleased atate;

(a) what is the specific impact of the Central Excise concession to the industrialists in the Central budgets for 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) the retail prices of commodities which have gone up after pre sentation of the 1987-88 budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN fTIHE MTNISTRY OF < FINANCE) (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Central excise duty concessions a're given to excisable goods and not to industrialists. Reports indicate that after the 1937-88 budget, there is generally some increase in retail prices of certain varieties of packaged food products aerated watetrs, colour television sets, man-rr;ade fabrics, articles of commercial plywood trade rubber, computers, toilet soaps, washing powders, travel goods, costlier footwears, aluminium rods, glass and glasswa're, domestic refrigerators and cigarettes.

Number of Bank. Employees and. Officers in the Nationalised Banks.

1357. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total number of post$_s$ of employees and officers i$_n$ the Nationalised banks as on 1-4-87 and the total number of vacancies that existed on the same date?

THE MINISTER OF STAiTE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): According to the latest available information (ag on 31-12-1989^ the staff strength of 20 nationalised bank$_s$ in Officers, Clerks and Sub-staff cadres ■works out to be 138236, 279586 and 111416 respectively.

In January, 1987 Government have advised the public sector banks to create vacancies subject to the limit of 1 to 1.5 per cent of their actual staff strength as on 31st December, 1986.

Technology Cities in India

1358. SHRI KALPNATH RAt: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased *o state:

(a) whether any technology cities have been established in. India;

(b) if ' so, what are the places where these are located; and

(c) what are the features of these cities and how they promote scienti fic research and its utilization in di fferent fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE DEPART MENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARA YANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Saving schemes

1359. SHRI KALPNATH RAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the details of savings schemes existing at present;

(b) whethe$_r$ they offer different rates of interest; and

(c) whether it is proposed to ra tionalize all those schemes to pro vide uniform incentives to the pub lic for saving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): la) and (b* th«» rietnii« «f Hw «w«tu*«r